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Photo Review Of Successful Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference

Editor's Note: Jim Allen, publisher, and Carol Allen, editor, of Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times congratulate Coast Guard Auxiliaryists on their successful national conference held Aug. 22-29 at the Camelback Inn Resort & Spa. They add special thanks to Tom Nunes, deputy director of public affairs USCG Auxiliary, and his wife Pam for including us as guests at the Saturday evening banquet. We also express our gratitude to Ed Huntsman of the Arizona Game & Fish Department for presenting us that evening with our Award of Merit from the National Water Safety Congress. Following are a few photos, all by USCG AUX, commemorating the auspicious event.



THE PR TEAM — Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's National Public Affairs team share a moment with Adm. Robert J. Papp, 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard, and his wife Linda, at the Auxiliary's National Convention on Saturday, Aug. 28. Papp had just completed filming an interview for NAVIGATOR magazine.



NEW LEADER — Adm. Robert J. Papp, 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard, congratulates Commodore Jim Vass on his election to serve as the National Commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, effective Nov. 1. Vass will serve a two-year term as the organization's leader.



CONGRATULATIONS — Adm. Robert J. Papp, 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard congratulates the new National Bridge of the Coast Guard Auxiliary on their election to serve, effective Nov. 1.



GOOD MORNING, AZ! — 3TV Weekend Anchor Tess Rafols interviews Adm. Joseph P. Castillo, Commander, 11th Coast Guard District, and Commodores Mike Johnson and Mike Williams of the Coast Guard Auxiliary about the need for recreational boating safety. The trio appeared on the *Good Morning! Arizona* television program as part of the Auxiliary's National Convention media outreach program.

Educating The Public About Hunting, Fishing, Conservation

National Hunting And Fishing Day highlights outdoor awareness.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — For 38 years, National Hunting and Fishing Day has been celebrated from the smallest hometowns to the highest offices in our nation's capital. An official public reminder that conservation in America depends on leadership and funding from hunters and anglers, NHF Day now aims to deliver its message year round through a free and newly updated variety of educational resources.

Always the fourth Saturday in September, NHF Day 2010 is slated for Sept. 25.

"Our goal is equipping every hunter, angler and sport shooter to more effectively communicate the conservation benefits of traditional outdoor sports. All of us must work together to build public understanding and appreciation for what we do," said Denise Wagner of Wonders of Wildlife, the Springfield, Mo., official home of NHF Day.

Hunting and fishing licenses, along with excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, bows, arrows, rods and reels, generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes — totaling more than \$1.75 billion per year — for fish, wildlife and habitat.

NHF Day educational resources, available free at www.nhfd.org, include —

• **PowerPoint Presentation** — a colorful presentation of facts to accompany school speeches, lectures, meetings and more. Downloadable as a 16.7 MB file. A sample script and public speaking tips also are available. Or, simply click and play the fully finished, automated audio-visual presentation, which is 6:43 in length. Be sure to check out the helpful hints for an-

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The Number-One Killer: Yourself (Continued)

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PART TWO

Stage 1. Alarm — a state of alertness as a result of stimulus. Anxiety appears as a natural reaction to what could happen.

Stage 2. Reaction — the physical body gears up for action. The entire body, physically and mentally, prepares for what could possibly happen.

Symptoms of stage 2:

- Muscles tighten.
- Sweat glands close down.
- Sugar is released for energy.
- Adrenaline starts to flow.
- Heart rate increases.

Stage 3. Response and options (fight or flight syndrome) — adrenaline is dumped into the system.

Symptoms of stage 3:

a. Confusion and loss of the ability to think rationally and refusal to believe that the situation you are in is very serious or is happening at all

b. Complete panic and possibly frozen limbs and mind; could experience weakness, crying, trembling, nausea, and vomiting

Stage 4. Rest — sharp emotional and physical let down after a high out put of energy. This will happen eventually



whether wanted or not.

Symptoms of stage 4:

a. A complete drain, both physically and emotionally

b. Shock

None of the above physical reactions to mental stress is beneficial when in a survival circumstance.

There are a lot of theories about the priority of tasks to maximize your ability to survive. Some would argue that shelter is the most important; others, a source of water. These are all vital to sustain life!

Since each survival situation is different, it is almost impossible to list any one task that is first and most important — except one. You must manage fear.

Mental stress is directly tied to physical stress. Both will burn much-needed energy reserves. Fear and anxiety is a normal response to a crisis. Managing your body in an emergency is the key to surviving. Failure to manage your body will directly affect your ability to exist in any environment for any amount of time.

Don't think because you're a specimen

of manhood, bulging in brawn and mental capacity, that you're not vulnerable to terror and irrational behavior. If anxiety and fear are allowed to evolve on their natural course, it won't matter how strapping or intelligent you are.

Search and Rescue will more than likely find you and pry you off the tree you are hugging in hysteria — if you are lucky!

So How Do We Control Fear?

1. Understand your body's natural responses to crisis. Knowing the signs of the four stages of response will give you a comprehension of what your body is doing and will help you understand when to start managing your emotions.

2. There are things that are real and can threaten your ability to survive. Define what is real and what is created. Deal only with real threats. Fear, unchecked, can lead to panic. If you fail to control panic, it will lead to pure terror. Recognize fear as a natural phenomenon, accept it and stop its progression.

3. A crisis is a good time to rely on spiritual faith

4. As silly as it sounds, talk to yourself. Convince yourself that you are okay. Compliment yourself for the things you are doing right. Forgive yourself rapidly for

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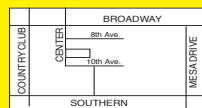
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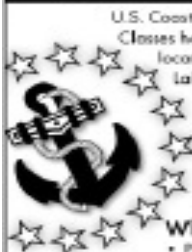
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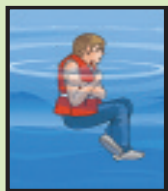
Refreshen your boating safety knowledge

Falling Overboard

- ◆ **To prevent persons from falling overboard:**
 - Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or any other area not designated for seating.
 - Don't sit on pedestal seats when underway at greater than idle speed.
 - Don't stand up on or lean out from the boat.
 - Don't move about the boat when underway
- ◆ **If someone on your boat falls overboard:**
 - Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable PFD.
 - Have other passengers watch the victim.
 - Turn your boat around and slowly pull alongside the victim, approaching the victim from downwind or into the current, whichever is stronger.
 - Turn off the engine. Pull victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

Hypothermia

- ◆ **If you are boating in cold water:**
 - Dress in several layers of clothing under your PFD or wear a wetsuit or drysuit.
 - Learn to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia. Symptoms begin with shivering and bluish lips and nails, and progress to a coma and, ultimately, death.
- ◆ **To reduce the effects of hypothermia:**
 - Put on a PFD if not wearing one. It helps you to float without excessive movement and insulates your body.
 - Get as much of your body out of the water as possible.
 - Don't take your clothes off unless necessary — clothes can help you float and provide insulation.
 - Don't thrash or move about. Excess motion consumes energy and increases loss of body heat.
 - Draw your knees to your chest and your arms to your sides, protecting the major areas of heat loss.
 - If others are in the water with you, huddle together with your arms around their shoulders.



Statewide Boating Education Classes

September 2010

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 18 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Office 555. N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(520) 883-2752
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Substation Mile Post 243. State Route 188 Lake Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 18 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 21 & 23 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Drive Mesa	\$8 per person	(623) 236-7235
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	Sept. 25 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max NE corner of McClintock and Broadway Tempe	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7235

October 2010

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
U.S. Power Squadron	October 5 7 .m. - 9 p.m.	Remax Realty 3726 Highway 95, Ste. 1 Bullhead City	\$40	(520) 533-6707
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 9 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	MWR Rentals Building #70914 NE corner of Irwin and Hunter Streets Fort Huachuca	\$0	(520) 533-6707
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 16 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 23 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Boating Safety Training Center 8484 Riverside Drive Parker	\$0	(928) 669-6141
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 23 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Patagonia Lake State Park Sonoita Creek Visitors Center 400 Patagonia Lake Road, Patagonia	\$0	(520) 287-2791
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 26 & 28 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Drive Mesa	\$5 per person	(623) 236-7235

Towing Skiers

- ◆ A vessel towing a person(s) on water skis or any other similar device must have at least two persons on board — one to operate the vessel and a second person to observe the towed person(s). The observer must be at least 12 years old and be physically capable and mentally competent to act as an observer of a water-skier.
- ◆ Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis or similar device must wear a **life jacket** (PFD) or buoyant belt. Note, however, that buoyant belts are not approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. The AZGFD recommends the use of a U.S. Coast Guard-approved, brightly colored,

Type III life jacket (PFD). The brightly colored life jacket (PFD) aids in making a skier more visible to other vessels.

- ◆ Water-skiing is restricted to daylight hours only. It is illegal to tow a person(s) on water skis, surfboard, or other similar device sunset to sunrise.
- ◆ Both the operator of the towing vessel and the skier must operate in a safe manner. A reasonable distance from other vessels, people, and property must be maintained so as not to cause danger to the life or property of others.
- ◆ State law makes the person being towed (the skier) responsible of he or she be

haves in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner.

- ◆ Vessels towing person(s) on water skis or a similar device must carry and use a bright red or orange skier-down flag that is at least 12 x 12 inches in size and mounted on a handle. The observer must continuously observe the skier(s) and display a skier-down flag when ever a skier is in the water after falling or while preparing to ski.
- ◆ If towing a skier with a PWC, the same water-skiing laws apply. **Do not exceed the carrying capacity of the personal watercraft.**



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Arizona Outdoor Hall Of Fame Inducts Four New Members

Four new members were inducted into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame at the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's annual Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet on Aug. 28. The two individuals and two organizations were honored for outstanding contributions and service that have benefited Arizona's wildlife and their habitats.

This year's inductees are the following:
William (Bill) Cordasco: As president of Babbitt Ranches Company, Cordasco has been a tireless worker and advocate for demonstrating that ranching, wildlife management and ecological protection can work together for everyone's benefit. For decades he has worked with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to promote antelope, deer, turkey, and elk populations on Babbitt Ranches, and he works with hunters and researchers on access considerations.

He organized the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Program & Foundation in partnership with Northern Arizona University, dedicating the program to education and research in stewardship of lands in the Southwest. He has worked

with several other agencies and organizations in implementing Coconino County's Comprehensive Plan for ecological preservation.

Michael M. Golightly: A life-long resident of Arizona, Golightly has exhibited a special combination of knowledge, vision and leadership in the field of wildlife conservation. He served three consecutive appointments (total of 15 years) as a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, each appointment under a different governor.

Examples of his visionary leadership during his tenure as a commissioner include working to secure a shooting range in northern Arizona, and being the driving force in dozens of wildlife habitat improvement projects to benefit wildlife in northern Arizona, most notably on the Arizona Strip and Kaibab Plateau.

He served on many commission committees, including the Sportsmen-Landowner Relations Committee and the State Habitat Partnership Committee. He was instrumental in initiating the first Wildlife Assets Committee.



HONORED — Four new members were inducted into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame at the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's annual Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet on Aug. 28. The two individuals and two organizations were honored for outstanding contributions and service that have benefited Arizona's wildlife and their habitats. 1st row, l to r: Dr. Kathryn Orr and Megan Mosby, Liberty Wildlife; Michael Golightly, former Arizona Game and Fish Commissioner and 2nd row, l to r, Terry Abbott, Rio Salado Sportsmen's Club; Jim Neff, RSSC Chief Instructor; Bill Cordasco, Babbitt Ranches

Rio Salado Sportsman's Club: The Rio Salado Sportsman's Club (RSSC) has made a positive impact in the conservation and sporting community through its long-time commitment to hunter education and firearms-safety training. The club's certified instructors have taught hunter education and the concepts of wildlife

management to thousands of Arizonans.

RSSC members have also donated considerable volunteer effort and personal expense to improving and maintaining the Usery Mountain Shooting Range, which the club manages. The club has active youth programs, including a smallbore rifle program and a Scholastic Clay Target shotgun program.

Liberty Wildlife: Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation helps answer the community's need for quality wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education, and community participation in stewardship of native wildlife and habitats. Over the years the organization has assisted more than 50,000 animals and 180 different species.

In 2008 alone, Liberty took in more than 3,700 animals, nearly 50 percent of which were returned to the wild. Liberty is permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to care for animals listed as endangered and threatened. The organization has emerged as a leading wildlife-education entity, hosting more than 280 outreach programs annually.

The Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame was established in 1998 by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation to honor those who have made significant and lasting contributions to benefit Arizona's wildlife and the welfare of its natural resources.

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GOOD NEWS!

Lake Powell Is Mussel-Free

PAGE, Ariz. — Invasive zebra and quagga mussels pose a major threat to aquatic resources and would cause significant ecological and economic impacts at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The National Park Service (NPS) and interagency partners began a pro-active mussel prevention program in 1999 after scientists predicted that Lake Powell would become the first site in the western United States to become infested with zebra and quagga mussels.

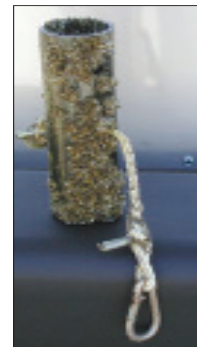
A false positive detection of mussels in August 2007 caused the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to issue an inconclu-



Zebra Mussels With Dime

sive rating for Lake Powell. Now after three years of extensive monitoring and not detecting a single mussel, the inconclusive rating has been changed to negative, meaning Lake Powell is mussel free.

"I'm not usually pleased to get a negative rating, but in this case negative is good and Lake Powell remains mussel free," said Superintendent Stan Austin. "We have invested a tremendous amount of ef-



Quagga Mussels On Pipe

fort into the mussel prevention program at Glen Canyon. I'm proud of the staff and partners who have worked so diligently and I'm thankful to the boating public for their strong support and compliance."

"Our science has shown that Lake Powell has always been and remains mussel free" stated NPS aquatic ecologist Mark Anderson. "Had mussels

been present in 2007, they would be easily detectable today. The false positive results in 2007 were always in question and now, three years later, the mussel free rating has increased everyone's confidence level."

The NPS holds monthly coordination meetings with approximately 20 partner organizations representing local, state, and federal entities.

Check the website at www.nps.gov/glea for more information including the latest lakewide ramp times and certification requirements and always be sure to CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY all watercraft and equipment.



LOVE TO BOAT, BUT DON'T WANT TO OWN ONE NOW?

Bartlett Lake Boat Club Offers The Perfect Solution

By Carol L. Allen

Editor's Note: In a recent stay in one of Bartlett Lake's relaxing Aqua Lodges, Jim and I had a chance to talk with Bryan and Eric Church about the growing interest in their Boat Club. The concept is simple and very appealing to those who want to go boating but have no desire to actually own their own boats — or cannot make that commitment at present. The Bartlett Lake Boat Club was thoroughly explained to us while we were there, and we wanted to pass on the possibilities to our readers.

During the downturn in economy, many who love to boat on Arizona's beautiful lakes, to fish the plentiful waters, and to recreate with their families feel thwarted by the costs of owning their own boats. They are discouraged that the joys of, for example, introducing their children to water recreation seem beyond their means at the present time.

Or, as discussed in a recent article in *Mad Mariner* (<http://madmariner.com>), there are those who have owned boats and loved the boating, "but hated everything else." And, there are others who have not had boats but have heard the downsides of boat ownership and have shied away from the idea because of those negatives.



They Love Boating, But —

It is a given that a love of boating does not always translate into a love of boats. Some water enthusiasts love to be out on the lake but do not want to spend their time painting hulls, repairing engines, worrying about rust, rot, and the like. They are averse to fiddling with the boat or trailering the boat.

In other words, at the end of a pleasurable day on the water, they want to walk away — unencumbered by the chores of a boat owner. And, we have said nothing about the frustration of waiting in lines to launch your own boat — and again, at the end of the day, facing another line before retrieving it from the water.

Enter Bartlett's Boat Club

However, that does not have to be the case. Enter Bartlett Lake's Boat Club. In rapidly growing numbers, Arizonans are embracing the concept of boat clubs. It's a simple idea, really — club members buy in with a membership fee and then pay dues monthly. Their return is huge: unlimited access to their club's local fleet.

They come to their local marina, and the boat of their choice is ready for them to enjoy. Aside from their dues, the only other cost to members is their fuel (and,

for a reduced cost at Bartlett Lake Marina). There are no slip fees, and the boat club handles maintenance, insurance, repairs, and all the little details that are part of boat ownership.

In other words, a carefully thought-out program has made it possible for all of us to enjoy boating without the hassles and expense of ownership.

An addendum to all of this is the fact that, according to some NMMA research, boat owners on average use their craft only 15 times a year. Other ways have been thought out to reduce the cost of actual boat ownership — for example, timeshares

or fractional ownership — but with either, an ownership interest still exists, and that includes the attendant pressures and responsibilities.

May Purchase Later

Importantly, the idea of boat clubs' hurting boat sales is dismissed by company executives and franchise owners who say that those who want to own their own boats will still do so. And, having had the experience of the boat clubs and developing a

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BOATING BASICS: ON THE WATER Nighttime Navigation

From AZGFD

Be on the lookout for the lights of other vessels when boating at night. Several types of lights serve as navigational aids at night. There are four common navigation lights.

Types Of Nighttime Navigational Lights

Sidelights: These red and green lights are called sidelights (also called combination lights) because they are visible to another vessel approaching from the side or head-on. The red light indicates a vessel's port (left) side; the green indicates a vessel's starboard (right) side.

Sternlight: This white light is seen only from behind or nearly behind the vessel.

Masthead Light: This white light shines forward and to both sides and is required on all power-driven vessels. A masthead light must be displayed by all vessels when under engine power. The absence of this light indicates a sailboat under sail.

All-Round White Light: On power-driven vessels less than 39.4 feet in length,



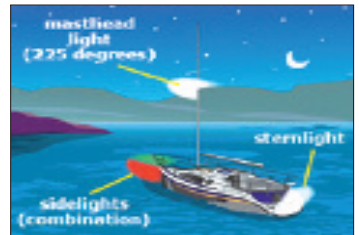
this light may be used to combine a masthead light and sternlight into a single white light that can be seen by other vessels from any direction. This light serves as an anchor light when sidelights are extinguished.

Encountering Vessels At Night: What The Lights Mean

A green and a white light: When you see a green and a white light, you are the stand-on vessel. However, remain alert in case the other vessel operator does not see you or does not know the navigation rules.

Only a white light: When you see only a white light, you are overtaking another vessel or it is anchored. It is the stand-on vessel whether it is underway or anchored. You may go around it on either side.

A red and a white light: When you see a red and a white light, you must give way to the other vessel! Slow down and allow the vessel to pass, or you may turn to the



right and pass behind the other vessel.

A red, a green and a white light: When you see a red, a green, and a white light, you are approaching another power-driven vessel head-on and both vessels must give way.

Encountering Sailing Vessels At Night: What The Lights Mean

A red and a green but no white light: When you see a red and a green light but no white light, you are approaching a sailing vessel head-on and you must give way.

When you see **only a red light or only a green light**, you may be approaching a sailboat under sail and you must give way. A sailboat under sail is always the stand-on vessel!

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ZipVac Adds King Filet Bag To Its Vacuum-Packaging Line

From Mike Walker/Walker Agency

BARRINGTON, Ill. — ZipVac unveiled its King Filet vacuum-packaging bag at the 2010 ICAST Show in Las Vegas and it attracted a lot of interest among buyers and the media covering ICAST.

ZipVac bags come in a variety of sizes — quart, gallon, filet and jumbo. And now big-fish anglers who have been asking for a really long filet bag have one in the King Filet bag. It measures 14"x30".

The new bag was designed to hold salmon, some tuna, Great Lakes salmon, and salt-water fish filets. In some cases, the entire fish can be vacuum packed and frozen.

Ever since its introduction, CTI Industries' new ZipVac™ Food Vacuum Storage



age System has captured awards, industry accolades and media attention. Why? Because it's the better idea, the improved mousetrap. It's less expensive than the competition, designed to work in the kitchen or in the camp, even on a boat. And, it's a proven performer.

At the 2008 International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades (ICAST) in Las Vegas, Zip Vac™ received "Best New

Fishing Accessory," as well as accolades and excitement at regional and international sport shows and extensive media coverage in newspapers and outdoor magazines across the country. A similar tackle trade show in Australia also selected ZipVac for its annual best new product award.

Along the way, CTI Industries received four patents on its technology:

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LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

Keep Stripers, Smallmouth, Walleye; Release Largemouth, Crappie

Largemouth and crappie should be released as their numbers will decline.

By Wayne Gustaveson

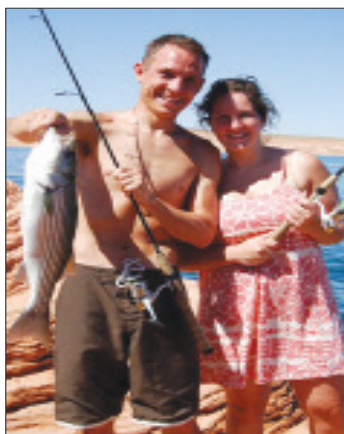
The main lake fishery is evolving once more. There is still a separation of shad from the striped bass population, but that separation is working to the advantage of the angler. Stripers are hungry, making them very vulnerable to angling.

At first light on a recent morning we found a few stripers chasing shad near shore. It was not a boil, but the splashes observed were obviously made by a handful of stripers. Casts with a shallow running crankbait to the splash rings confirmed 3-4 pound stripers were feeding on top in the predawn light near shore.

That action was short lived but soon replaced by a whirlpool of tiny stripers running along the shallow shoreline. These 6-12 inch fish were working the shad schools over in the brush.

The tiny tigers would readily hit a 4-inch shallow running crankbait and put up a tremendous struggle for their size. The amazing part was the entourage of 20-40 stripers chasing each hooked fish back to the boat.

A glance at the graph confirmed that these fish were schooled under the boat in 20 feet of water. We dropped spoons down to the waiting fish, and they immediately began playing volleyball with our spoons.



NEWLYWEDS — Thiago and Lexie Martines, Salt Lake City, Utah, caught their first striper as newlyweds in Lake Powell's Padre Bay. During the family adventure, they found stripers holding in deep water that were willing to hit bait. All of the family caught fish in a quick hour of fishing.

Catching: Fast And Furious

Catching was fast and furious. Later at the fish-cleaning station, we found that these smaller stripers had more shad in their stomachs than any of the large stripers.

After losing contact with the small fish, we ran toward the back of Warm Creek. In the middle of the bay near the floating restroom we saw more isolated splashes.

Surface lures cast to the splash rings were ignored but the graph indicated a huge school of fish below the boat. Spoons were deployed and stripers (2-5 pounds) were caught every cast for over an hour.

Some fish would hit within visual

range right under the boat while others were 60-90 feet deep. We just let our spoons free fall waiting for the line to stop or twitch, at which point we took up the slack and set the hook.

Spoon Fishing: Wide Open

Spoon fishing is now wide open. Only a few stripers are finding shad while the rest of the school is eagerly hitting any-

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Anglers Get Ready For Fall Feeding Frenzies

From Rory Aikens

Arizona Game & Fish Dept.

Arizona Game and Fish Department experts explained that the days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer, water temperatures are dropping, and predatory sport-fish will progressively feed more aggressively as the season progresses.

"Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, yellow bass, catfish and even sunfish will all be feeding more aggressively, quite often with dramatic results at the surface when these predators encounter large balls of shad," said Game and Fish Fishing Report Editor Rory Aikens.



Here's Why

Roosevelt Lake is going through the new-lake syndrome so it should be a standout, especially for lunker bass. "Don't forget that the slot limit has been removed. Also, keep in mind that the Tonto Basin should be one of our quail hunting hot spots this fall," Aikens advised.

Lake Pleasant, Saguaro, Bartlett, Canyon and Apache should be providing good to excellent action, especially for fish actively feeding at the surface.

"It won't surprise me to hear about anglers catching 50 to 100 stripers on topwater at Lake Pleasant. There is no limit on stripers there. Even though it is the opposite of what we ask anglers at other lakes, we would actually like anglers to catch, keep and eat as many stripers as possible to ease that burgeoning population," Aikens said.

Another standout this fall should be Alamo Lake west of Wickenburg. "Alamo was supercharged with runoff and nutrients again this year, so I believe it is set to explode with fantastic action — especially topwater activity — this fall," Aikens predicts.

Don't Ignore Colorado River Lakes

Lake Powell should be a dream for smallmouth, striped bass, largemouth bass

and even walleye. "I fully expect Powell to provide some of the best fall fishing in the state. Ironically, anglers can often get lonely in remote scenic canyons where the action can cause your arms and shoulders to hurt from reeling in so many hard-fighting fish," Aikens said.

Lake Havasu And The Parker Strip

Another top contender is Lake Havasu. "Striper activity seems to be less than previous years, but the smallmouth bass action is absolutely superb and largemouth bass opportunities abound. Plus, there are plate-sized redear to catch and lots of fat and feisty channel catfish that will often hit bass lures," Aikens advised.

For Havasu, be sure to go armed with some topwater frogs to work along the bulrushes and cattails, or over grass beds.

For those looking for something a little different, fish the Parker Strip for smallmouth bass, especially along the first few miles below Parker Dam.

"I fished Lake Moovalya (the strip) recently and it just knocked my socks off. There are lovely grass beds waving in the current and rocky reefs where smallmouth bass explode on topwater lures.

"There are long lines of docks that are just made for flippin' and pitchin' for hiding bass, or my favorite, skipping Gitzits like flat stones across the water," Aikens said.

Lee's Ferry

Another fall treat is Lees Ferry below Glen Canyon Dam. "This is some of the best fishing of the year at the Ferry for tail-jumping wild rainbow trout. Ironically, it is also the 'off season' for angler visitation. I call the Ferry the cathedral of trout fishing. The fall weather, scenic beauty



and fishing action conspire to provide a world-class experience," Aikens advised.

In The High Country

In the high country, you can pretty much take your pick. Brown trout will start staging for the spawn, rainbows and Apache trout will be increasingly active and aggressive, and the lakes are full. Big Lake should be excellent for cutthroat and brook trout.

"The mountain habitats are green and lush from excellent snowpack and superb monsoon rains. There are mast crops galore from pine cones and acorns to mushrooms and truffles.

Wildflowers abound. Berry bushes are heavy with nature's bounty. Some wetter areas in forested riparian habitats have bittersweet wild strawberries. This might turn into one of our most spectacular mountain autumns in a couple of decades," Aikens predicted.

Aikens added that once squirrel season opens this fall, be sure to take along that trusty .22. "Many mountainous areas have tremendous young squirrel crops this year, and they are fattening up gloriously on the abundant mast crop.

"Hunting squirrels and catching trout while experiencing autumn colors and elk bugling will provide smile-generating memories for years to come," Aikens said.

Aikens summed up the situation. "This is shaping up to be an autumn we will be telling tall tales and having daydreams about for years and years to come. You won't want to miss out."



Aikens, who is currently collaborating with *Arizona Highways* magazine on producing an Arizona fishing guide book in conjunction with Game and Fish, added that a similar scenario is playing out in the high country lakes as well.

"Thanks to superb near-record snowpack this past winter and habitat-drenching summer monsoon rains, our Arizona lakes are mostly full of water, nutrients, forage and healthy sport-fish," Aikens pointed out. "I fully expect some of the best fall fishing we have seen in a couple of decades."



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Catfish Stockings Resume Sept. 20-25

There are no scheduled catfish stockings at Urban Fishing Program waters from July 4 through Sept. 20. Once lake temperatures begin to decline entering the fall season, then catfish stockings can resume again.

Deliveries of catfish are scheduled to restart the week of Sept. 20-25.

Every fall, a total of four catfish stockings are scheduled in two-week intervals before fish stockings switch over to rainbow trout in mid-November.

Fishing at Urban Program waters will remain slow throughout the summer. Catfish can still be caught, especially from the larger lakes, with bluegill, bass and catfish still providing some fun for persistent anglers.

2010 Angler Survey: Progress Report

The 2010 angler survey study, started in January, is now almost 75 percent complete with over 5,000 interviews with urban anglers already completed. Conducted at five-year intervals, this extensive 12-month study allows Game and Fish biologists and interns to meet with anglers face-to-face at the lakes and ask a series of questions.

We estimate that we have contacted nearly 10 percent of our customers (anglers) who fish Urban Fishing Program waters. Results of the study won't be analyzed and reported until 2011.

Valuable information on angling use, fish catch-rates, angler demographics and economics, fishing satisfaction, and angler participation across the state is being gathered.

FISH REPORT

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thing resembling a shad. If I could only use one lure right now it would be a spoon. This strategy will likely hold for the rest of the year.

Bait fishing is still excellent both at night and during the day when stripers have quit chasing on top and go deeper to rest.

Stripers are still boiling at Hite for the last two hours of daylight each evening.

Water temperature is beginning to fall. Bass are ready to return to shallow water. For now, smallmouth bass are still down at 20-35 feet. Largemouth are in the brush.

Both species want the bait worked slowly and fairly deep. It takes a while to convince them to bite but they will cooperate with the patient angler. Bass fishing will improve dramatically when water temperature cools another 10 degrees.

Cats, Sunfish Ready

Catfish and sunfish are still ready and willing.

The forage shortage that is beginning makes it wise for all anglers to keep most of the fish caught. Striped bass, 9-12 inch smallmouth, and walleye should all be harvested.

So far, the data indicate increased participation in fishing, high satisfaction levels, and the fact that anglers are still spending only \$10 a trip. Over 70 percent of the urban anglers did not fish anywhere else in Arizona — suggesting that all their needs are met in the heavily stocked, convenient, accessible, and inexpensive Urban Fishing Program waters at local parks.

Reporting In

Fishing activity has slowed over the summer due to high water temperatures and absence of fish stockings through July and August.

Some catfish, up to four pounds, are still being reported, along with many in the two-pound range, but catch rates are poor overall. Generally, the best bite is late in the evening; however some anglers are finding hungry cats in the middle of the day when skies are overcast.

Top catfish baits are stink baits or shrimp fished on the bottom without a sinker. Catfish stockings will not resume until the week of Sept. 20-25.

Sunfish continue to bite on small worms fished under a bobber — mornings are best. Largemouth bass fishing is slow with the best activity around dawn for anglers using finesse worms rigged dropshot or splitshot style, or try topwater at first light.

At Green Valley lakes (Payson) the best fishing is for bluegill, crappie and bass. Monsoon rains have colored the lakes, slowing down the fishing for a few days until they clear up.

Try small jigs and worms fished under a bobber at Green Valley, or fish along the bottom from one of the docks. Weeds and algae along the shoreline are making some spots tough to fish.

Stocking Schedule

All UFP waters in Phoenix area and Tucson area — Last stocked catfish July 1 or July 7. No further stockings until fall catfish deliveries resume the week of Sept. 20-25.


Green Valley Lakes (Payson) — Last stocked trout May 7. No further stockings until trout deliveries resume the week of Oct. 18-23.

To get the Urban Fishing Bulletin sent to you directly, sign up at www.azgfd.gov/signup and select "Urban

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Largemouth and crappie should be released as their numbers will decline with a decrease in brush shelter next year. Every small striped caught should be kept as they are the most efficient predator in the lake right now.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,635, and water temperature, 77-80F.



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Endangered Fish Find New Home At Rio Salado Audubon Center

'Gila Topminnow, Desert Pupfish make good neighbors.'

Two endangered species of native fish became the newest residents of the outdoor ponds at the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center. Nearly 500 desert pupfish and 550 Gila topminnow were released recently into the center's ponds as part of a program aimed at allowing private landowners to participate in the conservation of threatened and endangered species.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is working to establish new populations of these fish at large, secure ponds in an effort to build up the populations for future stockings. The Audubon Center ponds are expected to produce thousands of topminnow and pupfish each year.

"Thanks in part to support from the Heritage Fund, we are working with our partners to re-establish these rare native fish across their historical range in Arizona," says Jeff Sorensen, native fish and invertebrate program manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"The fish we released this week should provide us with offspring that can be used to re-establish the species in new locations."

Part Of Safe Harbor

The release was part of the Safe Harbor program that allows non-federal landowners to actively participate in the recovery of these endangered fish by providing sites to establish populations of the species in areas where it no longer exists. The Audubon Center is the 10th participant enrolled in the program.

"Audubon Arizona is excited to provide

a safe harbor for these native Arizona fish," says Cathy Wise, Audubon Arizona education director.

The release was carried out through a cooperative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Game and Fish, Audubon Arizona, Phoenix Zoo, City of Phoenix, and the Desert Botanical Garden.

Grant From Heritage Fun

The outdoor ponds at the Audubon Center were constructed using a grant from the Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund is a voter-passed initiative that was started in 1990 to further wildlife conservation efforts in the state, including protecting endangered species, through Arizona Lottery ticket sales.

Although once common throughout most of the Gila River basin, the Gila topminnow and desert pupfish now naturally occur in only a fraction of their historic range.

Habitat loss and alteration and the introduction of non-native fishes have contributed to declines in natural populations of these two species. Both topminnow and pupfish are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Gila topminnow and desert pupfish provide natural vector control, effectively preying on mosquito larvae and helping to control mosquito-borne illnesses. As native fishes, they pose fewer threats to other native species sharing the same habitat than non-native mosquitofish.

"Topminnow and pupfish are the native solution to mosquito control," says Sorensen. "They make good neighbors."

For additional information on the center, visit www.az.audubon.org. To learn more about the Gila topminnow or desert pupfish, visit www.azgfd.gov.



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When the season is over, clean and oil your shotgun, but don't put it back into storage — the fall hunting season starts up the first Friday in October, with quail, squirrel and more.

To get the latest hunting news, sign up for the Arizona Game and Fish Department's e-news at www.azgfd.gov/signup and select Hunting Highlights and Wildlife News.

Arizona's Spring Hunting Regulations Available Online

Applications for turkey, javelina, buffalo, and bear tags now accepted.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has released the 2011 spring hunting and drawing information for turkey, javelina, buffalo and bear. Electronic copies of the application form and regulation booklet are available online at www.azgfd.gov/draw.

Many of the spring hunts have a limited number of tags and are issued through a draw/lottery process. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Oct. 12 by 7 p.m. (MST). Postmarks do not count, and there is no online application process.

Mailed applications should be addressed to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Drawing Section, PO Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. Applications may also be hand-delivered to any of the seven Game and Fish offices. For a listing of Game and Fish offices, visit www.azgfd.gov/offices.

Printed copies of the spring regulation booklet and applications are estimated to be at license dealers and Game and Fish offices by mid-September.

Benefits To Applying Early

While there might seem like plenty of time to get your application submitted, with the start of early fall hunts for deer and antelope, and small game season just around the corner, now is the time to apply for the spring hunts before you get too busy.

There is also a benefit to applying early. If your application has a mistake and is received by 5 p.m. on Sept. 23, Game and Fish will attempt to call you three times in



a 24-hour period and give you the opportunity to correct the mistake. After that date, mistakes can cause your application to be rejected.

Applicants are reminded a 2011 license is required to enter the spring draw. Licenses may be purchased at any Game and Fish office, license dealer, or through the draw/application process. Online sales of 2011 licenses will not be available on the Game and Fish Web site until an undetermined time in September.

Some of the spring hunts are not limited and a non-permit tag may be purchased over-the-counter at any Game and Fish office or license dealer in the state. Non-permit tag hunts are area specific and include archery-only spring turkey, juniors-only shotgun spring turkey, archery-only spring javelina, general spring bear, and archery-only spring bear.

A full listing of all the spring hunts are available in the 2011 Arizona Spring Turkey, Javelina, Buffalo and Bear Hunt Draw Information booklet, available at www.azgfd.gov/draw.

New To Hunting?

Game and Fish is continuing to partner with sportsmen's organizations to host hunting camps for youth hunters, first-time hunters, and families interested in learning about traditional outdoor activities. These camps offer experienced instruction on topics such as hunting, camping, wildlife biology/ecology, care of game once harvested, and other life skills. If you would like to try turkey or javelina hunting, here are the camps that offer mentored assistance and how to get a hunting tag for the area of that camp.

Javelina Hunting Camps

Wickenburg/Congress area, Jan. 21-23, 2011, youth hunt: Tags are issued by application, apply for hunt number 5039. The Unit 20C camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by Youth Outdoors Unlimited.

Payson/Roosevelt Lake area, Jan. 21-23, 2011, youth hunt: Apply for hunt number 5040. The Unit 22/23 camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by Arizona Deer Association.

Tucson/Sasabe area, Feb. 11-13, 2011, women's hunt: Apply for hunt number 5075, 5076 or 5077. The Unit 36A/B/C hunts are limited to hunting with a handgun, archery or muzzleloader. The camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by Coueswhitetail.com and Outdoor Experience for All.

Prescott area, Feb. 18-20, 2011, general hunt for new hunters all ages: Apply for hunt number 5004, 5007 or 5008. The Unit 17A/B, 19B and 20A camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by the Arizona Bowhunters Association and Outdoor Experience for All.

Turkey Hunting Camps

Flagstaff area, April 15-17, 2011, youth hunt: Tags may be purchased at any Game and Fish office or license dealer. The Unit 6B/8 camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by the Arizona state chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Mogollon Rim area, April 15-17, 2011, youth hunt: Tags for hunting in Units 3C or 23 are limited and issued by application, apply for hunt number 4051 or 4053. Tags for hunting in Units 4A/4B may be purchased at any Game and Fish office or license dealer. The Unit 3C/23/4A/4B camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by the Arizona state chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Eager/Alpine/Clifton area, April 15-17, youth hunt: Tags may be purchased at any Game and Fish office or license dealer. The Unit 1/27 camp offers food, activities, hunt guidance and is hosted by the Arizona state chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

For more contact information, to register for these camps, and for a listing of other beginners hunting camps, visit www.azgfd.gov/getoutside.

Mandatory Education For Young Hunters

Young hunters 10-13 are reminded that hunter education is mandatory to hunt big game, which includes turkey and javelina. The minimum age to hunt big game is 10. The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers a variety of traditional classroom courses as well as an online self-paced course to accommodate the busy schedules of today's public. A hands-on field day is required regardless of the course type to become certified.

Anyone successfully completing one of Arizona's hunter education courses will receive a permanent bonus point towards applying for future big game hunts. To learn more about Arizona's hunter-education program, visit www.azgfd.gov/education and select "hunter education."

EPA Denies Petition For Lead Ammunition Ban; Fishing Tackle Analysis Continues

Many people have been following developments regarding the petition submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Center for Biological Diversity, American Bird Conservancy and three other groups, seeking a national ban on lead ammunition and fishing tackle. The following is an update on the early August petition.

The EPA last week denied the portion of the petition calling for a ban on lead ammunition, stating the agency (EPA) does not have the legal authority to regulate ammunition under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Their decision was made at the end of August.

In a news release posted Aug. 27 on the EPA's website, Steve Owens, EPA assistant administrator for the Office of Chemical

Safety and Pollution Prevention, issued the following statement:

"EPA today denied a petition submitted by several outside groups for the agency to implement a ban on the production and distribution of lead hunting ammunition. EPA reached this decision because the agency does not have the legal authority to regulate this type of product under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) — nor is the agency seeking such authority."

"This petition, which was submitted to EPA at the beginning of [August], is one of hundreds of petitions submitted to EPA by outside groups each year. This petition was filed under TSCA, which requires the agency to review and respond within 90 days."

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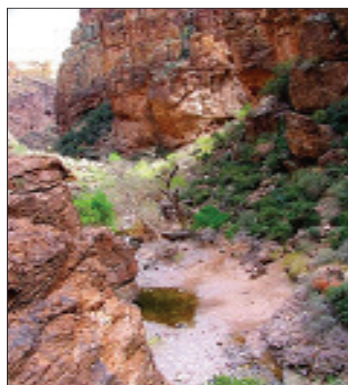
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FROM THE OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATION FUND

Arizona State Parks Board Authorizes 14 Projects

In 2008 the Arizona Legislature authorized a new Off-Highway Vehicle "Sticker Fund" that started producing revenues in January of 2009. A \$25 fee is charged for off-highway vehicles each year and that sticker is then attached to the license plates of these vehicles.

Revenue from sticker sales amounts to almost \$1 million per year and recently the Arizona State Parks Board awarded \$534,725 from the OHV Recreation Fund to 14 OHV projects. Those funds went to areas near the following towns: Globe, Scottsdale, Mesa, Phoenix, Show Low, Kingman, Black Canyon City, Prescott, Chino Valley, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde.

These projects will improve OHV routes, trails, and facilities and help manage recreational activity on Arizona's public lands by motorized vehicles.

The Arizona State Parks-OHV Recreation Fund (gas taxes) has been in existence since 1991 and has been used for



mitigation and enforcement on trails as well as an OHV map guide, provision of riding facilities, OHV education, trail signage, and other rural OHV maps.

Motorized trail project applications are accepted at any time and reviewed periodically by the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group for funding by the State Parks Board. In addition to trail and facility improvements, the funds can be used for mitigation of damage caused by OHV activities, cultural and environmental compliances, and education

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projects/programs and law enforcement.

State Parks develops the OHV recreation plan every five years with input from land-managing agency staff, OHV user organizations, individual OHV users, and the general public.

The 2010 State Trails Plan can be found at http://azstateparks.com/publications/index.html#Trails_2010

Projects selected for funding will encompass all of the following recommen-

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Tonto National Forest Gives Safety Tips

Arizonans enjoy camping well beyond the Labor Day weekend.

Often considered the symbolic end of summer fun is the now-past Labor Day weekend. However, in Arizona's warm climate, the camping fun extends far beyond that holiday for many Tonto National Forest visitors. Forest Service officials continue to re-emphasize key safety and land-ethics practices while visitors enjoy the diverse recreation opportunities on the forest.

"There are currently [at press time] no fire restrictions on the Tonto National Forest, but escaped campfires continue to be a major cause of wildfires," said Gene Blankenbaker, Tonto National Forest supervisor. "Also, unsightly and dangerous litter can create danger for both our four-footed visitors as well as our human visitors."

Tips on how to safely enjoy a campfire, while practicing Leave-No-Trace principles:

- Never cut live trees or branches from live trees.
- Use an existing campfire ring to minimize impacts to the land.
- Before making a fire, make sure you have a shovel and enough water to put it out if it gets out of hand.
- Keep your campfire small enough for your requirements and never leave the fire unattended.
- When leaving a campfire, make sure it is "dead out" by drowning the fire with water and stirring the ashes and other burning debris with dirt to make sure all burning and smoldering material is extinguished.

• Before leaving your campfire, you should be able to touch the ashes with your fingers to ensure that the fire is "dead out." If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

While uncontrolled fire is always a great concern in the forest, the increased numbers of visitors also impact the resources due to the litter and trash left behind. Visitors are urged to follow the Leave-No-Trace principles to help decrease potential long-term damage from camping without a conscience.

If you pack it in, pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food and other litter.

It is prohibited to take glass containers around any water areas on the forest (for example, the Salt River, Roosevelt Lake, the reservoirs, etc.).

Take only photos, leave only memories.

And finally, visitors are encouraged to "Know before you go."

Campgrounds across the forest often fill up early on Friday and many sites are first-come, first-served. The earlier a camper arrives, the better opportunity for finding that perfect campsite.

See **TIPS** on page 17



<http://www.mrdvolunteers.org/lowersaltrivercleanup.html>

HANDLE WITH CARE — We're a family of friends "caring for the land and serving people." This is the message of those who will join in the Sept. 25 clean-up at Tonto National Forest's Lower Salt River Recreation Area. The event coincides with National Public Lands Day.

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Tonto National Forest Seeks Volunteers For Salt River Clean-Up

The Lower Salt River Recreation Area is one of the busiest recreation spots on Tonto National Forest hosting thousands of visitors every summer weekend. Unfortunately, many of these visitors leave their trash behind, creating an unsightly and dangerous mess.

To help restore this stretch of water back to its natural beauty and in celebration of National Public Lands Day, the Mesa Ranger District of Tonto National Forest, will host the 31st Annual Salt River Clean-up on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Enhancing and preserving the out-

standing recreation opportunities on the Salt River is one of the missions of the Mesa Ranger District," said District Ranger Art Wirtz. "We really need the public's help to clean up these heavily used recreation sites."

Register online for the event at www.mrdvolunteers.org/lowersaltrivercleanup.html, or in person at the Pebble Beach Recreation Site from 7 to 9 a.m.. The clean-up begins immediately after registration and will continue until about noon when lunch and beverages will

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[LAND CRUISING]

Fire Restrictions Lifted for BLM Yuma, Lake Havasu

Fire restrictions were lifted for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands administered by the Lake Havasu and Yuma Field Offices on Sept. 7. This includes public lands in the Yuma, La Paz, and Mohave counties in Arizona and Imperial, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties in California.

Sufficient moisture has been received throughout these areas, and fire restrictions are no longer necessary.

"The BLM greatly appreciates the public's cooperation in helping to minimize the number of human-caused wildfires this summer on BLM lands," said Angie Lara, BLM Colorado River Dis-

trict manager. "Even though restrictions are no longer needed, we're asking the public to be very careful when using fire. Under the right conditions our public lands still have potential for wildfires to spread rapidly and become dangerous."

Please be extremely careful and exercise the following precautions when using fire. Make sure you have a 10-foot circle cleared around your campfire; be sure to have a shovel and plenty of water on hand, and put the fire **DEAD OUT** before leaving.

Smokers need to make sure their cigarettes or cigars are put out when they

are through smoking and dispose of them properly. Remember not to park motor vehicles where the exhaust system could cause grass or other vegetation to ignite.

Current fire restriction information can also be found online at www.publiclands.org/firenews or www.azfireinfo.com. You may also call the fire restriction hotline toll free at 1-877-864-6985. To report a wildfire, please call Arizona Interagency Dispatch Center at (800) 309-7081.

The BLM manages more land — more than 245 million acres — than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands,

is primarily located in 12 western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.

The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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A Win-Win For Arizona's Public Lands, Local Businesses

By Dorothea Boothe
BLM Arizona State Office

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Arizona is using Federal stimulus money to provide jobs and boost economic recovery. "The BLM in Arizona has pumped millions of dollars into the local economy with stimulus funds," said Jim Kenna, BLM Arizona state director.

As a result of the stimulus funding, the public can expect better experiences and improved services while visiting public

lands in Arizona. Among the projects are rehabilitation and reconstruction of popular roads and trails, as well as capital improvements made to BLM recreational sites and BLM buildings.

In 2009, the BLM-Arizona received \$17 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to invest in approximately 50 projects statewide. To date, the agency has authorized nearly 90 contracts and nine cooperative agreements, totaling more than \$11 million to complete parts of the 50 projects.

The projects completed or underway include road improvements, facility maintenance, trail enhancements, cultural surveys, capital improvements, habitat restoration and protection, hazardous fuels reduction, and abandoned mines lands hazard mitigation.

Other projects on the horizon include establishing renewable energy upgrades to BLM recreation sites, updates to land status information to facilitate renewable energy authorizations, as well as the development of an environmental impact statement for renewable energy development on previously disturbed lands. The latter project is known as the Restoration Design Energy Project.

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"I am happy to report that we are on track and nearly 83 percent complete with project awards. Most of our projects are either underway or completed," Kenna said.

The BLM selected stimulus projects in Arizona that would have lasting value for the American public. "We wanted to make sure that every dollar was well spent and significant consideration was given to each project," Kenna said.

The stimulus projects selected will restore landscapes, encourage renewable energy development, and engage youth.

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employees to witness how aggressively local businesses positioned themselves to compete for and acquire Federal stimulus funds in their local communities," Kenna said.

The main focus for BLM staff throughout this process has been putting Arizonans, especially youth and students, back to work. And I believe we are doing just that."

The public will also appreciate safety improvements made to abandoned-mine features such as the historic Swansea Mine, which is near Parker, Ariz. Mesquite wood removed from the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in Southern Arizona will be used for furniture construction, firewood, and other private and community-based enterprises.

Other projects will improve the habitat and increased protection for the Sonoran pronghorn, black-tailed prairie dog, Mojave Desert tortoise, and various other Arizona wildlife. Bat gates, used in mitigating abandoned mine features, allows bat species to continue their natural activities. And, solar power installation will improve several BLM facilities across the state by using renewable energy.

If not for the stimulus funding, many of the projects could not be accomplished. The BLM-Arizona expects to finish all of its stimulus projects by Dec. 31, 2011



BLACK BEAUTY — Our friend (and a great photographer) Dan Pennell sent this photo from the Black River area. He mentioned that his party saw deer, eagles, ducks, wild horses, many wildflowers, and this beautiful natural spring that flows into the Black River. Pennell said the river was very high this year and that the fish were jumping.

ONE OF 50 — BLM Arizona State Director Jim Kenna builds a rock cairn with the youth crew leader from the Coconino Rural Environment Corps at the Hells Canyon trails maintenance project, one of nearly 50 BLM projects in Arizona funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.



PETITION

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"EPA is taking action on many fronts to address major sources of lead in our society, such as eliminating childhood exposures to lead; however, EPA was not and is not considering taking action on whether the lead content in hunting ammunition

poses an undue threat to wildlife.

"As there are no similar jurisdictional issues relating to the agency's authority over fishing sinkers, EPA — as required by law — will continue formally reviewing a second part of the petition related to lead fishing sinkers."

For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/lead.

DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid-Sept.



BEYOND ARIZONA

INTERNATIONAL YELLOWTAIL DERBY 2010: Sept. 4-26 — San Diego; johnceinsd@cox.net

BOATING

LADIES DAY AT THE LAKE: Oct. 2 - Director of the National Women's Sailing Association, Gail Hine, will again instruct women on the finer points of sailing: Lake Pleasant; view details at the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club Web site.

LONDON BRIDGE THANKSGIVING REGATTA: Nov. 26-27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Lake Havasu City, Thompson Bay, www.golakehasvu.com

64TH ANNIVERSARY SCSC THANKSGIVING REGATTA: Nov. 26-27, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. — Parker, Blue Water Resort, powerboat/speedboat racing on the Parker Strip/Colorado River, endurance, speed & circle racing, boats include Stock Outboards, Pro-Stock, Grand National (GN's), Cracker Box, Tunnel Lights and K-boats, (310) 318-4012 or www.scsracing.com or www.bluewaterfun.com

NAPA AUTO PARTS IHBA WORLD FINALS: Nov. 5-7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. — Chandler, Firebird International Raceway, biggest professional drag boat race in the country & the season finale, \$10-41, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 602-268-0200 or www.firebirdraceway.com

24TH ANNUAL LONDON BRIDGE SEAPLANE CLASSIC: Nov. 5-7 — Lake Havasu City Float Fly 2010 - Lake Havasu State Park, Desert Hawks presents Radio Controlled Seaplanes flying off the water at Windsor beach area, 928-855-1197 or www.deserthawksrc.com or www.golakehasvu.com

6TH ANNUAL BLUE WATER RESORT & CASINO 300 ENDURO: Oct. 23 — Parker; speed boat race, 50 six-mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment, modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro, (310) 318-4012 or www.bluewaterfun.com

9TH ANNUAL HOT HEAD REGATTA: Oct. 9 — Location to be announced; watch rowing teams from all over the Southwest compete, food and fierce competition, free, www.temperowersassociation.org/

2ND ANNUAL PADDLE TO THE CHANNEL STAND UP PADDLEBOARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Oct. 9 — Lake Havasu City; The Nautical Beachfront Resort, (1000 McCulloch Blvd), stand up paddle races for all ages, expo, demos, prizes, food, family fun, music, benefits Paddle for the Cure, (928) 208-0786 or www.wsupa.us

29TH ANNUAL JET SKI WORLD FINALS: Oct. 3-10 — Lake Havasu City; Crazy Horse Resort Aqua Stadium, competitors from more than 40 U.S. states and nearly 35 nations churn the waters to win a share of more than \$25,000 in prizes at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m., 928-453-3444 or 714-751-8695 or <http://www.ijbsa.com> or www.golakehasvu.com

5TH ANNUAL ABSOLUTE SPEED & MARINE POKER RUN: Oct. 1-2 — Lake Havasu City; The Nautical, (1000 McCulloch Blvd), 928-855-2252 or www.absolutespeedandmarine.com

CAMPBELL BOATS REGATTA: Sept. 24-26 — Lake Havasu City; north end of Channel, (714) 779-9115 or www.campbellboatowners.org

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — 19th Tee, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.usailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

HTM BOATS REGATTA, DCB BOATS REGATTA: Sept. 17-18 — (928) 855-8155 or www.htmperformanceboats.com or www.dcbacing.com

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing — Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

CHECK FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEFORE YOU GO: Summer — www.publielands.org/firenews/AZ.php

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)



COMMUNITY

MICHIGAN PROFESSOR ON SABATICAL: Jan.-Aug. 2011 — Needs a room to rent while she does research at either ASU or U. of A. Contact editor@azbw.com or call (480) 947-6219.

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR SALT RIVER CLEAN-UP: Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. — Lower Salt River Recreation Area volunteers may register at the Pebble Beach Recreation Site from 7-9 a.m.

54TH ANNUAL FORT VERDE DAYS: Oct. 9-10 — Camp Verde; Fort Verde State Historic Park, celebration of Camp Verde's historic military heritage, living history presentations with the Buffalo soldiers and reenactors, special presentations, a fashion show, cavalry drills and vintage baseball game, free on Saturday, \$2 on Sunday, (928) 567-3275 or www.azstaterparks.com or www.visitcampverde.com

THIRD ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF & CAR SHOW: Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — Gene Price Motorsports and The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, in addition, there will be a salsa contest (not the dance, the dip!), a classic car show and a horse-

shoe tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places for the best chili dishes, best salsas and the winners of the horseshoe tournament; La Paz County Park; for more information, including vendor applications, chili and salsa team registration and horseshoe tournament sign up, please contact the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce at (928) 669-2174.

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: <http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html>

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; www.azanimalassistance.com

FORT TUTHILL CELEBRATIONS: Sept. 18, 19 — Fort Tuthill City Park; contact Jim: (602) 944-0359 or Lon: (928) 284-1535

VERDE RIVER DAY: Sept. 25-26 — Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood, to develop the awareness of the importance of the Verde River, informative exhibits, 40+ environmental exhibits, hands-on activities, and live entertainment, sand castle building, live animals, canoe rides, nature hikes, American Civil War encampments, vintage trailer show, food, fish the lagoon no license needed and poles, bait and tackle provided, exhibits, nature walks, exhibitors, \$6 per vehicle up to 4 adults, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., (928) 634-7593 or www.azstaterparks.com

FISHING

For more information on fishing, please see "Tight Lines" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

DAM TO DAM BLUEWATER BIG BASS CLASSIC: Nov. 20, 7 a.m. — Parker, BlueWater Resort & Casino; \$1,000 1st prize, limited to the first 35 two-man teams to enter; weigh-in is a 3 p.m.; (928) 669-7035 or www.bluewaterfun.com

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; <http://www.azflycasters.org>

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll Bass Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

NATIONAL BASS WEST FISHING TOURNAMENT: Sept. 24-25 — Lake Havasu City; (760) 497-8238 or www.nationalbasswest.com

HUNTING

For more information on hunting, please see "Game Bag: Write On Target" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: Sept. 25 — Wonders of Wildlife, Springfield, Mo.; www.nhfd.org

WATERSPORTS

Diving: DIVING TRIP TO GRAND CAYMAN: Nov. 6-13 — Saguardo Diving & Sports; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguardosports.com

SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more: Saguardo Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguardosports.com

Frozen: CURLING STARTS: Mid-Sept. + 12 weeks — Fall League shawntait@oyotes-curling.com

Swimming:

FORD IRONMAN ARIZONA: Nov. 21 — Tempe Beach Park, includes a 2.4 mile swim; (888)-280-9097 or www.ironmanarizona.com

ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM FINALE: Nov. 7 — Tempe Town Lake (or TBA), events are officially sanctioned by USAS and USMS and are open to both registered age group and masters swimmers, with choice of 2K and 4K distances (1.2 or 2.4 miles), www.dcbadventures.com

10TH ANNUAL BLUE WATER RESORT & CASINO TRIATHLON: Nov. 7, 7:30 a.m. — Parker; includes 600-meter and 1,500-meter swims; (520) 526-8761 or www.mountainmanevents.com or www.trifind.net or (928) 669-6511 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

AMICA 19.7 PHOENIX: Nov. 7, 8 a.m. — Peoria, Lake Pleasant, includes a half-mile swim course that starts on the Four Lane Boat Ramp with a wading start, wet suits permitted, three divisions, pros, age group and series winners; <http://www.amiciathlonseries.com/Phoenix/phoenix.htm>

8TH ANNUAL SOMA HALF IRONMAN ARIZONA: Oct. 24, 6:30 a.m. — Location to be announced; includes swim 1.2 miles; (480) 226-4729 or <http://redrockco.com/soma-triathlon>

4TH ANNUAL POWELL3 TRIATHLON: Oct. 23, 8 a.m. — Page; Lake Powell Wahweap Marina, (86040); includes swim 1500 meters, swim 750 meters, USAT sanctioned, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake Powell, \$90 early registration; (801) 355-4940 or <http://www.trifind.com> or www.powell3.com

ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #4: Oct. 16 — Lake Pleasant Harbor Marina, events are officially sanctioned by USAS and USMS and are open to both registered age group and masters swimmers, with choice of 2K and 4K distances (1.2 or 2.4 miles), www.dcbadventures.com

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FALL GAMES: Oct. 15-16 — Surprise Stadium, with aquatics, bocce, golf and softball, 602-230-1200 or www.soaz.org

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GCC f-1 TRIATHLON & RELAY & YOUTH TRIATHLON: Sept. 19, 6:30 a.m. — Glendale Community College, swim 150 yards, youth triathlon is swim 100 yards, www.trifamilyracing.com

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Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the 10th of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and a contact number and/or e-mail address



Stand Up Straight And — Paddle!



BOAT CLUB

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passion for boats may move some to purchase their own later.

Talking with Bryan and Eric Church at Bartlett Lake, we were very impressed with the details of the Boat Club as well as the fleet of craft available for me.

Membership in the Boat Club is filling fast! At this time, applications are being received in person only — reserve your space today by calling to speak with a club representative.

In any case, if you are interested in

learning more about the Bartlett Lake Boat Club, e-mail Bryan Church at bryan@bartlettlake.com. He, his brother Eric, or another staff member can set up an appointment for you to tour the marina facilities and inspect their fleet of brand new boats.

To Summarize, The Boat Club Offers —

- The boat of your choice — when you want it,
- Skis, vests, tubes, water skis, boards, and toys for members and guests— all in-

cluded, Ever see a water enthusiast paddle serenely while standing on what looks like a surfboard? It's called stand-up paddling (SUP) and is considered one of the world's fastest-growing sports. On Oct. 9, the best SUP athletes in the world will descend on Lake Havasu City, Ariz., for a series of competitions and clinics. (www.wsupa.us).

Beginners can also take a free SUP demo throughout the day and walk among exhibits from some of the sport's leading manufacturers.

SUP is an ancient Hawaiian surf style that began with a one-bladed paddle the surfer uses to control a standard sized surfboard. In the 1960s, the beach boys of Hawaii would stand on their long boards and paddle out with cameras, taking pictures of the tourists attempting their first surf sessions.

"Today, the sport is known worldwide, and is used as a great training tool," says Hugh Jeffreys, director of Standup Con-

nection in Lake Havasu City (www.standupconnection.com).

"Known for its strong core workout, the sport is motivating athletes across the globe to venture into flatwater, surf, and even whitewater. 'SUPing' is great for all levels and all age groups," he said.

On Oct. 9, in the shadow of the relocated London Bridge that put this desert lake city on the map, stand-up paddleboard races are planned for all levels of competition. The top three winners of the men and women's Elite Class nine-mile race will compete for their share of the \$5,000 purse.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. Sponsors include *Standup Paddle Magazine* and the Nautical Beachfront Resort, the host site.

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Is equipment included? Yes! Skis, vests, tubes, wakeboards, and kneeboards are available for your use.

How do I reserve equipment? Equipment can be requested at the time of the boat reservation or anytime up to 24 hours prior to the reserved date.

Is insurance covered by the Club? Insurance covers hull damage.

Can I bring guests? Yes! You can bring as many guests as the boat is rated for. Please understand that safety precautions disallow us from releasing overloaded boats.

Can my guests use the club without my being there? The club is set up for the typical husband and wife. One of the two members must be present.

What other amenities are offered at the Marina? The Bartlett Lake Marina is one of the most fully featured, state-of-the-art recreation facilities in the Southwest. Visit www.bartlettlake.com for more details.

What supplies are available at the Marina? The Bartlett Lake Marina Dock Store is fully stocked with fuel (car and boat), beer, sodas and drinks, ice, food and snacks and a variety of supplies and equipment.

And Now, To The Fleet

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IT'S FOR THE BIRDS

Margie Allen, *Birding Editor*



TO NEW MEXICO, FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR ARIZONA

Two Salutes: Dr. David H. Elliott And His State's Bird, The Roadrunner

Editor's Note: *We begin this issue's "It's For The Birds" with a salute to a doctor in New Mexico, the state that claims the road runner as its state bird. As this issue goes to press, Margie Allen, birding editor of AZBW/WOT and mother of Jim Allen, publisher, is in the hospital in Las Vegas, N.M. She is in the care of Dr. David H. Elliott; her daughter Leslie Thornton and her son Jim — both from the Phoenix area — are staying with their mother.*

Thank You, Dr. David H. Elliott

In the opinion of Margie Allen's children, Dr. David Henry Elliott is one of the finest physicians they have encountered — at any time, in any place. They asked that this issue pay tribute to Dr. Elliott, who is dedicated to helping their mother Margie Allen, as well as her family.

Dr. Elliott graduated from the Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine in Portland, Ore., in 1974. His internship was completed at the University NM Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., in 1975 and also there, his residency, which he finished in 1978.

Dr. Elliott is a Health Grades Recognized Doctor and holds memberships in ACP, AMA, and ASIM.

However, those are only the facts about one of the most caring, patient, experienced, and capable physicians of whom Thornton and Allen are aware. They have requested that their gratitude to Dr. Elliott be expressed in print in this issue.

Dr. Elliott's office address is 105 Mills Ave., Suite 300, Las Vegas, NM, 87701, and the phone number is (505) 425-9311.

In Honor Of Dr. Elliott, His State's Bird

The Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) is a long-legged bird in the cuckoo family, *Cuculidae*. It is one of the two roadrunner species in the genus *Geococcyx*; the other is the Lesser Roadrunner. This roadrunner is also known as the chaparral cock, ground cuckoo, and snake killer.

The Roadrunner is about 56 centimetres (22 in) long and weighs about 300 grams (10.5 oz), and is the largest North American cuckoo. The adult has a bushy crest and long, thick dark bill.

It has a long dark tail, a dark head and back, and is blue on the front of the neck and on the belly. Roadrunners have four



TWO SALUTES TO N.M. — The first is to Dr. David H. Elliott, New Mexico physician, who is caring for Margie Allen, the birding editor of AZBW/WOT, and the second is to that state's famous bird: the Roadrunner, shown here.

toes on each zygodactyl foot; two face forward, and two face backward.

The name Roadrunner comes from the bird's habit of racing down roads in front of moving vehicles and then darting to safety in the brush.

The breeding habitat is desert and shrubby country in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. It can be seen in the U.S. states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, and rarely in the Mexican states of Baja California, Baja California Sur, Sonora, Sinaloa, Chihuahua, Durango, Jalisco, Coahuila, Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes, Guanajuato, Michoacán, Querétaro, México, Puebla, Nuevo León, Tamaulipas, and San Luis Potosí.

On Roadrunner's Menu

The Greater Roadrunner nests on a platform of sticks low in a cactus or a bush and lays three-six eggs, which hatch in 20 days. The chicks fledge in another 18 days. Pairs may occasionally rear a second brood.

Greater Roadrunners measure 61 cm (2 feet) in length, about half of which is tail. They have long, sturdy legs and a slender, pointed bill. The upper body is mostly

brown with black streaks and white spots. The neck and upper breast are white or pale brown with dark brown streaks, and the belly is white.

A crest of brown feathers sticks up on the head, and a bare patch of orange and blue skin lies behind each eye; the blue is replaced by white in adult males (except the blue adjacent to the eye), and the orange (to the rear) is often hidden by feathers.

This bird walks around rapidly, running down prey or occasionally jumping up to catch insects or birds. It mainly feeds on insects, with the addition of small reptiles (including rattlesnakes up to 60 cm long), rodents and other small mammals, spiders, scorpions, centipedes, millipedes, small birds (particularly from feeders and birdhouses) and eggs, and carrion.

It kills larger prey with a blow from the beak — hitting the base of the neck of small mammals — or by holding it in the beak and beating it against a rock. Two roadrunners sometimes attack a relatively big snake cooperatively. Fruit and seeds typically constitute about 10 percent of the diet.

See **ROADRUNNER** on page 17

Arizona Game & Fish Wins Conservation Communications Honors

The Arizona Game and Fish Department received national recognition for its conservation communications efforts by winning 10 awards (one 1st-place, three 2nd-place and six 3rd-place awards) at the annual Association for Conservation Information (ACI) Conference in Louisville, Ky., earlier this summer.

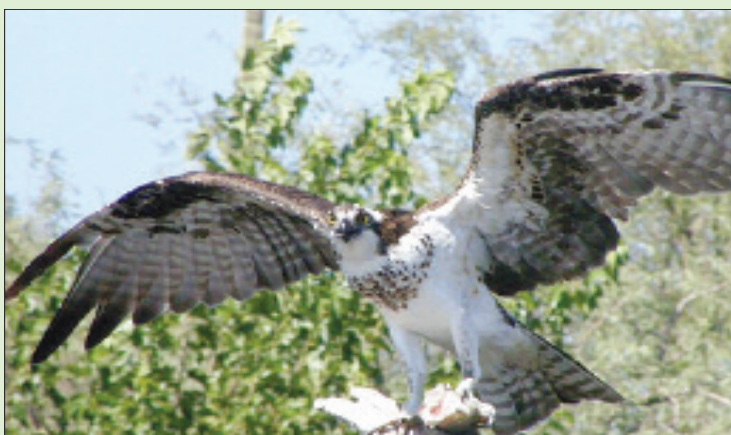
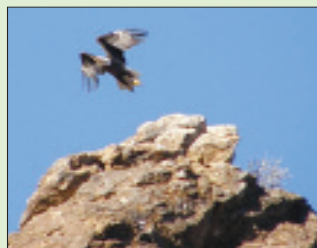
Game and Fish received the following awards:

- 1st Place - Magazine: Fisheries Article - Summer Cicada Symphony (Rory Aikens, author)
- 2nd Place - Magazine: 4 Colors - Arizona Wildlife Views (Heidi Rayment, editor; Julie Hammonds, associate editor; Cecelia Carpenter, graphic designer; George Andrejko, photographer; Dianne Howard, editorial assistant)
- 2nd Place - Magazine: Wildlife Article - A Penny's Worth of Terror (Randy Babb, author)
- 2nd Place - Websites - Arizona Game and Fish Department website (www.azgfd.gov)
- 3rd Place - Magazine: Parks, Cultural, Historical Article - Rare Birds and Red Rocks (Julie Hammonds, author)
- 3rd Place - Magazine: General Interest Article - Wild at Art (Julie Hammonds, author)
- 3rd Place - Communication Campaigns - 2009 Outdoor Expo (Tom Cadden, public information officer)
- 3rd Place - One-time Publication: Books/Reports - Arizona Boating Safety Report for 2008 (Kevin Bergersen, Arizona boating law administrator)
- 3rd Place - Posters - Arizona's 10 Most Unwanted Invasive Species (Tom McMahon, invasive species coordinator; Rory Aikens, public information officer)
- 3rd Place - Photography - American Three-toed Woodpecker (George Andrejko, photographer)

To see some of the past award winning products and to learn more about the Arizona Game and Fish Department's informational outreach, including publications, magazine, television show, and electronic communications, visit www.azgfd.gov/i_e/outreach_programs.shtml.



Incredible Birds In Our Own Backyard



STAY SAFE AND ENJOY — Rose and Ron Werner, members of the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron, sent these photos to share in the "It's For The Birds" section of AZBW/WOT. They note that this volunteer organization has many personnel from many different places, all of the members out on the lakes, attempting to promote safety and respect of others. These bird photos of an eagle in flight and of an osprey come from PS&PS member Richard Glazers. He took them at Saguaro Lake. As the Werners say, they hope that enjoyment of beauty such as this is never destroyed by an accident.



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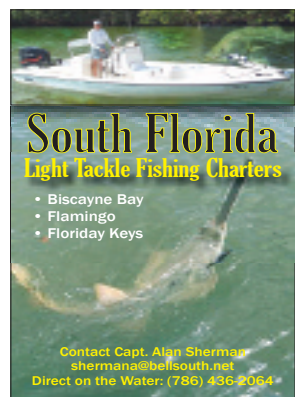


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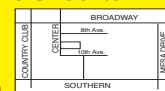
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Welcome, *Desert Belle*, To Saguaro Lake

By Mike Goulet
Desert Belle Cruises

There's a new "gal" in town. More accurately put, there's a new gal on Saguaro Lake. The new *Desert Belle* continues the tradition of cruising the lake, which started almost a half century ago.

After searching the country for nearly eight months, the new *Desert Belle* was located in the Tri-City area in the State of Washington. She spent her first years cruising the Columbia River.

Then the fun began. Her upper deck was disassembled from the main deck. The two sections were transported via semi trucks. It took a little over one week for her to arrive at her new home on Saguaro Lake. Through the use of cranes, she was gradually reassembled and launched.

Desert Belle is quite a different boat from her predecessor. Today's vessel is a 143-passenger, climate-controlled, state-of-the-art ship. The air-conditioned lower deck allows you to view the surrounding landscape through large picture windows.

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Desert Belle Cruises

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PROGRAM

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Fishing Bulletin" there are also a number of other communications offered by Game and Fish.

To learn more about the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Urban Fishing Program and to find the lake closest to your community, visit www.azgfd.gov/urban-fishing.

ROADRUNNER

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And, Yes, They Can Run!

Although capable of flight, it spends most of its time on the ground, and can run at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour (80 km/h).

Some Pueblo Indian tribes, such as the Hopi, believed that the Roadrunner provided protection against evil spirits. In Mexico, some said it brought babies, as the White Stork was said to in Europe. Some Anglo frontier people believed roadrunners led lost people to trails.

It is the state bird of New Mexico.

KILLER

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the things that you do wrong and don't let them get you down. Talk your way through tasks to keep your mind busy.

5. Set realistic goals for yourself

6. Understand that most survival situations are temporary and short term. Only 5% of all survival situations go longer than 72 hours.

7. It is crucial to think positively! To keep your mind and body at peak performance, you must stay up and mentally positive!

8. Know, and truly believe, that you are going to make it out of this situation, no matter what. Never waver from that thought!

9. Train yourself before hand. Knowledge will replace fear of the unknown. Understanding how to survive will give you confidence and a positive attitude.

And, Two More Emotions To Control

Embarrassment

There are two more human emotions that you need to control to save yourself from yourself. Compared to controlling anxiety and fear, they should be easy to manage.

In 2000, a very successful business woman was reported as missing in the Supersition Mountains. After a day of searching in over 100 degree temps, a member of the search team noticed something move in his peripheral vision.

He hiked across a small canyon to a large bolder to find a woman hiding and

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be provided free to volunteers.

Trash bags and parking for volunteers are free for the day's events. Participants are urged to wear closed-toe, rubber-soled shoes that can be worn in and around water, as well as sunscreen, and gloves.

A majority of the clean-up will occur on shore near the water; however, some efforts are needed on water. Those equipped with kayaks or rafts are encouraged to join in the clean-up.

"All the support we receive from the public during this event goes a long way toward restoring the Lower Salt," said

covering her face. He asked what her name was; she would not tell him. She was an important and prominent woman and was embarrassed that she had to be rescued. She was extremely dehydrated and could have died on that mountain.

Embarrassment is a foolish thing to die for!

Pride

In the summer of 2001, a father and his daughter decided to take a three-day hike. They planned to hike in and spend two nights in the wilderness together.

The third day came and they ran out of water. The father lost his sense of direction and started hiking farther into the wilderness. They were found by a search helicopter and brought back to base camp.

As the father stepped out of the helicopter, he said, "We were fine. We could have made it out. We were just out of water." The daughter said, "Dad, you need to shut up."

Pride kills if mismanaged.

The Bottom Line: Think

Left by itself, the human body cannot survive in the outdoors. Our ability to think, adapt and change our environment is the only reason we even exist. Letting anxiety progress on its natural course is a serious mistake. Thinking is critical to survival! Pride, embarrassment or any other attitude or emotion that keeps you from making logical decisions needs to be controlled.

For more information, e-mail Mike Wallace at wallysfishingrhunting@yahoo.com.

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Visitors to the Tonto National Forest need to make sure they have the proper permits for their vehicles, watercraft and activities, as some vendors may have limited hours during weekends.

For more information, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto> or call 602-225-5200.

To learn how to properly put out a campfire, visit Smokey Bear's Web site at <http://www.smokeybear.com/campfire-safety.asp>.

Visit <http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php> to learn more about the Leave-No-Trace principles.

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dations:

HIGH-USE AREA — The project will be located on a route, trail, or area that is currently experience heavy OHV traffic.

USER SUPPORTED — The project will be endorsed by at least one user organization that can be identified with the specific project area.

PRIORITY RECOMMENDATION — The project will include: maintenance and/or renovation of existing routes, trails, or areas; mitigation of damage in proximity to approved use areas; and installation of trail route signs.

DIVERSITY — The selected projects will represent a cross section of use types and geographic areas.

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY — The applicant must have control of and management responsibility for the area of the project and have a current agreement with State Parks in effect to allow transfer of funds for OHV project purposes.

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